



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Christopher Valadez  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-R9-2015-003774

Dear Christopher Valadez:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of January 30, 2015, regarding the list of schools that have been asked to participate and/or have provided consent to be used as a study site.

We are unable to provide you with the requested records because they are exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (Exemption 5, pre-decisional deliberative). An itemized list of the records which are being withheld along with the basis for withholding is provided on the enclosure to this letter.

You may appeal this denial to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the determination being appealed and includes the assigned FOIA request number - EPA-R9-2015-003774). For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

The Land Division's RCRA Records Center is maintained by Toeroek Associates Inc., under contract to EPA Region IX. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents, please contact Ward Danner of Toeroek Associates Inc., contractor, at 415-947-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Scott".

Jeff Scott, Director  
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Enclosures: (index of documents withheld)



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